

12:30 p.m. the Senate remain in morning business with regard to the marriage tax penalty until 2 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders, or their designees, and the Senate then proceed to the cloture vote with regard to the amendment to H.R. 6 at 2 p.m., with the mandatory quorum waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. On behalf of the leader, I further announce, tomorrow morning there will be an opportunity in morning business for Senators to make general statements and for bill introductions until 12:30 p.m.

Following general morning business, Senators will begin statements with regard to the marriage tax penalty issue during a morning business period. By previous consent, at 2 p.m. there will be a cloture vote on the pending amendment to that important legislation.

It was hoped that an agreement would be reached to complete this measure after the Senate considered relevant amendments. Unfortunately, a consent could not be granted and, therefore, the 2 p.m. cloture vote is necessary. If cloture is not invoked on the substitute, there will be a second cloture vote on the underlying measure. Therefore, a second cloture vote may occur.

With April 15 fast approaching, this issue is of the utmost importance to

many married couples and, therefore, it is essential that we vote tomorrow on moving forward with the bill.

Following the cloture votes, the Senate is expected to consider the budget resolution conference report. Therefore, additional votes will occur tomorrow afternoon.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:48 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 13, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.